

CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A computer accessory, comprising:
an auxiliary battery; and
a port replicator;
the auxiliary battery and the port replicator integrated into a single unit, the computer accessory configured for portable operation with a computer.
2. (Original) A computer accessory, comprising:
a docking connector;
a battery;
at least one communication port;
a connection from the docking connector to the battery; and
a connection from the docking connector to the communication port;
the battery powering a computer connected to the docking connector.
3. (Original) The computer accessory of claim 2, wherein the docking connector is configured to engage a mating connector on the computer.
4. (Original) The computer accessory of claim 2, further comprising a housing configured to attach to the computer.
5. (Original) The computer accessory of claim 2, wherein the computer accessory is configured to attach to the bottom of the computer.
6. (Original) The computer accessory of claim 2, further comprising at least one hook feature, configured to engage a receiving feature on the portable computer.
7. (Original) The computer accessory of claim 2, further comprising a releasing mechanism which, when actuated, disengages computer accessory from the computer.
8. (Original) The computer accessory of claim 2, wherein the computer accessory can be attached to and detached from the computer without the use of tools.

9. (Original) The computer accessory of claim 2, wherein the docking connector connects to the computer through a cable.
10. (Original) The computer accessory of claim 2, further comprising a receptacle for accepting power from an external power source.
11. (Original) The computer accessory of claim 10 wherein the external power source is a source of mains power.
12. (Original) The computer accessory of claim 10, wherein the power received from the external source can be used to recharge the battery.
13. (Original) The computer accessory of claim 2 wherein the at least one communication port includes at least one Universal Serial Bus port.
14. (Original) A system, comprising the computer accessory of claim 2 connected to a computer.
15. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the computer accessory is attached to the computer.
16. (Original) The system of claim 15, wherein the computer accessory is attached to the bottom of the computer.
17. (Original) The system of claim 14 wherein the computer is a portable computer.
18. (Original) The system of claim 14, wherein the computer accessory is connected to the computer through a cable.
19. (Original) A computer accessory, comprising:
means for making an electrical connection between the computer accessory and a computer;

means for supplying electrical energy to the computer, from a battery comprised in the computer accessory, through the electrical connecting means; and means for connecting the computer to at least one peripheral device through the electrical connection means.

20. (Original) The computer accessory of claim 18, further comprising means for mechanically attaching the computer accessory to the portable computer.